

and impact of radio in Africa, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey Cowan, Director, Voice of America; Thomas N. Hull III, Director, Office of African Affairs, United States Information Agency; Carol A. Peasley, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; John Marks, Search for Common Ground, Washington, D.C.; Judith Moses, Mosaic Group, Inc., New York, New York; William H. Siemering, Open Society Foundation for South Africa, Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania; and Robert M. Press, Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates provisions of S. 1394.)

### FDA REFORM

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 1477, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices and biological products.

### NAVAJO/HOPI LAND SETTLEMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee held oversight hearings to review the settlement and accommodation agreement in the dispute over the Navajo and Hopi land dispute, receiving testimony from Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Christopher J. Bavasi, Executive Director, Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation; Ferrell

H. Secakuku, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmobi, Arizona; Herb Yazzie, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Roger Attakai, Teestoh, Arizona, and Mae Tso, Mosquito Springs, Arizona, both on behalf of the Navajo Families Mediation Team.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND THE ELDERLY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the inappropriate use of prescription drugs among the elderly and their potential health and economic consequences, and the role of the health care industry in minimizing this risk, after receiving testimony from Sarah F. Jaggar, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Calvin H. Knowlton, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, Lumberton, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Pharmaceutical Association; Linda F. Golodner, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Consumers League and the National Council on Patient Information and Education; Robert E. Vestal, American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Boise, Idaho; Lynn Williams, Solutions, Boulder, Colorado, on behalf of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists; Margaret G. McGlynn, Merck-Medco Managed Care, Inc., Montvale, New Jersey; Matthew Shimoda, Health Care Professionals, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Community Retail Pharmacy Coalition; and Colleen O'Brien-Thorpe, Annandale, Virginia.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 3180–3196; 1 private bill, H.R. 3197; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 169 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3055, to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section (H. Rept. 104–504);

H.R. 3049, to amend section 1505 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the continuity of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development (H. Rept. 104–505);

H.R. 2337, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased taxpayer protections, amended (H. Rept. 104–506);

H.R. 2501, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky, amended (H. Rept. 104–507);

H.R. 2630, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois, amendment (H. Rept. 104-508);

H.R. 2695, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania, amended (H. Rept. 104-509);

H.R. 2773, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of two hydroelectric projects in North Carolina, amended (H. Rept. 104-510);

H.R. 2816, to reinstate the license for, and extent the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio (H. Rept. 104-511); and

H.R. 2869, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Kentucky, amended (H. Rept. 104-512).

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**Committees to Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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**Contract With America Advancement:** By a recorded vote of 328 ayes to 91 noes, Roll No. 102, the House passed H.R. 3136, to provide for enactment of the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1996, the Line-Item Veto Act, and the Small Business Growth and Fairness Act of 1996, and to provide for a permanent increase in the public debt limit.

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A point of order was sustained against the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to raise the minimum wage to not less than \$4.70 per hour during the year beginning on July 4, 1996, and not less than \$5.15 per hour after July 3, 1997. The point of order was sustained on the grounds that such language constituted unfunded intergovernmental mandates. In accordance with statutory provisions setting forth procedures regarding points of order against such unfunded mandates language, by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 100, the House voted not to consider the Bonior motion to recommit with instructions.

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Earlier, during debate on whether the House would consider the Bonior motion to recommit with

instructions, agreed to the Archer motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair that certain words uttered during that debate were not unparliamentary (agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 99).

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Rejected the Orton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to strike language and insert language to make line-item veto provisions applicable upon enactment, but with the line-item veto provisions having no force or effect on or after January 1, 2005 (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 159 yeas to 256 nays, Roll No. 101).

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H. Res. 391, the rule under which the bill was considered and under which the conference report on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority, was considered as adopted, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 98. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 97.

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Agreed to the Solomon amendment that changes debate time on the bill from 60 minutes to 80 minutes.

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**Presidential Message—National Endowment for the Arts:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the 1994 Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts—referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

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**Health Coverage Availability and Affordability:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 267 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 106, the House passed H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individuals markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve the access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance.

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Rejected the Pallone motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill and insert the text of S. 1048, a similar Senate-passed measure (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 105).

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Rejected the Dingell amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule that sought

to limit exclusions for preexisting conditions; prohibit insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and other health coverage entities from denying coverage to employers with two or more employees; prevents employment-based health plans from excluding any employee from coverage based on the employee's health status; require health plans to renew coverage for groups and individuals as long as premiums are paid and there is no fraud or misrepresentation on the part of the policyholder; preempt State laws that prohibit the formation of private voluntary coalitions to purchase and negotiate health insurance plans; and guarantees the availability of individual health coverage to individuals who have had employment-based coverage of at least 18 months and who are ineligible for or have exhausted COBRA coverage (reject by a ye-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 104). **Pages H3112–38**

H. Res. 392, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 103.

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**Conferee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Stokes wherein he resigns as a conferee in the Conference on H.R. 3019, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996. Subsequently, the Chair announced the appointment of Representative Hoyer to fill the vacancy among the primary panel of conferees.

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**Agriculture Reform:** By a recorded vote of 318 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 107, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 393, the rule which waived all points of order against consideration of the conference report and provides for the adoption of S. Con. Res. 49, providing for certain corrections to be made in the enrollment of H.R. 2854, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H2967 and H3045.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five ye-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2985–86, H2986, H3022, H3025, H3027–28, H3028, H3045, H3137–38, H3146, H3146–47, and H3168–69. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:42 a.m. on Friday, March 29.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Departmental Administration/Office of Chief Financial Officer and on Rural Economic and Community Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Wardell C. Townsend, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Administration; Irwin T. David, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Jill Long-Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development Service; Wally B. Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Maureen Kennedy, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business Cooperative Services; and Bruce Crain, Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Center.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and David H. Souter.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Appalachian Regional Commission and on the TVA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Jesse L. White, Jr., Federal Co-Chairman and Gaston Caperton, States Co-Chairman and Governor, State of West Virginia; and Craven Crowell, Chairman, TVA.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Naval Reactors and on the Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Bruce DeMars, USN, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion; and Jerry Freedman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Matters; and the following officials of the Department of Energy: Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; and Joan B. Rohlfing, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security.